



Update

News from West Valley City Hall

January 2010

City Council Members:

- Dennis Nordfelt, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Mike Winder, At-Large
- Carolyn Burt, District 1
- Joel Coleman, District 2
- Russ Brooks, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

Public Meetings

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission – second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Phone Numbers:

Main Number..... 801-966-3600
City Manager 801-963-3220
Police Department. 801-963-3386
Police Dispatch..... 801-840-4000
Fire Department..... 801-963-3336
Emergency 911
Family Fitness Center 801-955-4000
Garbage Questions 801-955-3720
Storm Water Utility.. 801-963-3448
Housing Authority . 801-963-3320
Parks and Rec..... 801-955-4000
Harman Home 801-966-5540
Stonebridge Golf Course..... 801-957-9000
West Ridge Golf Course 801-965-5800
Graffiti Hot Line 801-963-3467
Animal Services..... 801-965-5800
Victims Services 801-963-3223
Ordinance Compliance 801-963-3289
Utah Cultural Celebration Center 801-965-5140

Website:

www.wvc-ut.gov

West Valley City Hall
3600 S. Constitution Blvd.
WVC, UT 84119

City Hall Hours:
Monday – Thursday
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Resolution Concentration

A message from Councilmember Corey Rushtonfelt

When the calendar is turned to a new year we inevitably associate this time with a clean slate and an opportunity to make some positive changes in our lives. Similarly, this is also true of your City government. We recently welcomed some changes and new members to our City Council. We have a remarkable blend of backgrounds and talents that will serve the City well. Later this month we will lock ourselves in a room at the Cultural Center (public and press welcome) to establish the yearly goals and priorities of West Valley City. In broadest terms, my New Year's resolution is to concentrate on those things that are of the most importance, both in my personal life and as a representative of City residents. Now, what I know about concentration can best be summed up by something that my Grandpa Rushton taught me years ago while I was battling through a horrible Little League Baseball slump. He told me that, "Concentration was half confidence and half hunger."

I often speak about the many good confidence indicators throughout West Valley City. Improved transportation options include refurbished roads, rapid transit bus, and the continued construction on the West Valley City TRAX line. The Valley Fair Mall continues to add dining and shopping options as more and more patronize the area. As the local economy improves, the Chamber of Commerce reported a record month for memberships. Our Police department continues to proactively investigate and prosecute crime.

As good as these things are, let me also assure you that I am equally hungry for positive improvements and progress. We need to witness further reductions in crime. We need to reinvest in our homes, businesses, and community. We need to conserve our natural environment and add quality parks and open space. We must also demand innovation and cost cutting strategies from our governments.

May we all individually and as a West Valley community be like Michelangelo, the great renaissance painter, sculptor, engineer, architect, and poet who said, "I hope that I may desire more than I can accomplish." I challenge everyone to aim high with their goals this year and strive to achieve great things. Here's to a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2010 permeating within West Valley City households and neighborhoods.



February 6, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**West Valley Fitness Center
5415 West 3100 South**



Our free Financial Fitness Fair can help you!

**Free tax preparation
Learn smart money skills**

Prizes, food and fun for the whole family | Spanish speakers available

Dial 2-1-1 for more information

MANY THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

Neighborhood Dumpster Reminder

Once a year, per area, residents, volunteer groups and neighborhood associations may schedule 10 dumpsters for neighborhood cleanup projects. The dumpsters are delivered and picked up two days later. Groups must advertise the cleanup project, collect the debris and load it into the dumpsters.

Any resident of West Valley City is eligible to participate and request dumpsters for their neighborhood. Dumpsters may only be requested once per year per neighborhood.

Dumpsters are not automatically scheduled for your neighborhood each year. Dumpster requests will be accepted beginning February 1, 2010 and are filled based on a first come first serve basis. Dumpsters may be scheduled to be delivered beginning March 16, 2010 until June 30, 2010. Please contact the Sanitation Services Supervisor Ray Hinkle at (801) 955-3723 to schedule dumpsters or for more information.

Need Housing Assistance?

West Valley City Grants Division is pleased to announce that funding is available for future and current West Valley City residents who may qualify for the following programs:

• Down Payment Assistance

West Valley City will provide a \$5,000.00 grant/loan to eligible low-to-moderate income families to be used for down payment and/or closing costs for a home located within city boundaries. The grant/loan must be repaid if the eligible applicant resells, transfers title, refinances the home, or moves within the first five years of ownership.

• Emergency Repair Program

West Valley City will provide up to \$1,000.00 grant to low income families who need to make repairs in order to correct a current emergency condition. Eligible applicants will only be assisted for those repairs urgently required to make a home safe.

• Mobile Home Repairs

West Valley City resident owners of mobile homes may qualify for a grant to make needed repairs on their mobile home.

• Rehabilitation Loans

Homeowners in West Valley City may qualify for low interest or deferred interest loans in order to carry out needed repairs on their residence. The loan may be used to correct present home problems, accessibility modifications, code violations of health and safety concerns and/or energy improvements.

If interested in any of the above programs, you may contact Gabriela Hernandez at (801)963-3369 or www.wvc-ut.gov/housing for further information. Available funding will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

2010 Player's Pass

Stonebridge Golf Club West Ridge Golf Course

\$199.95

(plus tax)

\$7 Green Fee & \$7 Cart Fee
(Anytime M - F, Sat., Sun., and Holidays after 1:00 p.m.)

\$20 Fee (includes cart)
(Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays before 1:00 p.m.)

\$5 Discount for all guests
(Applies to guests paying regular 18-hole rate)

\$1 Discount on range tokens

10% Discount on food and beverages
(Excludes beer and all beverage cart purchases)

10% Discount on Pro Shop merchandise

One hour early access to Twilight Rate for all guests

For more information on Utah's best annual golf pass please call Stonebridge at (801) 957-9000 or, Westridge at (801) 966-4653, or visit our websites: www.golfstonebridgeutah.com www.golfwestridge.com

How to Spot Suspicious Activity

As police officers with the West Valley City Police Department, one of our duties include receiving and responding to tips which are called in by citizens. Many if not most of these tips include some type of suspicious activity. I often tell citizens: "If something doesn't feel right to you, it probably isn't." That being said, it is not necessary for citizens to contact police every time the wind blows. As a police department, we get thousands of telephone calls per month, and it is helpful when, before calling, citizens sort out what is merely suspicious or unusual to them and what is actually CRIMINAL activity. This article will discuss some of the frequent suspicious criminal activities that are dealt with by the police department.

Houses

Is the dwelling being frequented by gang members or "shady" looking people? Do the residents keep unusually odd hours? Are the residents doing odd things like switching the license plates or temporary tags to their vehicles on a regular basis? Does there seem to be an unusual amount of property coming to or going from the dwelling? If any of these things are present, it is time to take notice.*

In this day and age, and especially with the economical situation, it is not uncommon to have more than one family living in a single dwelling. Also in Utah, families often tend to be larger than in other parts of the country. Many times, this means several people of driving age. Several people driving can mean several different schedules, all of them coming and going at different hours. Frequent vehicle traffic is sometimes but NOT ALWAYS indicative of drug activity. If you see frequent traffic which involves different vehicles that are not associated with that residence, it is time to take notice.*

Neighborhood

Your street is probably home to many different people with different lifestyles. We all have family and friends who come to our houses to visit. But generally, you should have a sense for who belongs on your

street and who does not. If you see people or vehicles who do not belong in your neighborhood, it is time to take notice.* Are there people walking slowly around your neighborhood looking around and possibly entering the backyards of your neighbors? Are they entering open garages or checking the door handles on vehicles? Are there people who are opening others' mailboxes or taking UPS/Federal Express boxes from someone else's porch? Is there an unusual vehicle which has been parked on a curb for over 24 hours?

Once in a while, you may have a door to door salesperson come to your house. This is perfectly legal in West Valley City provided that that person has a valid business permit from the City. You will know this because they will have a city-issued identification card on them. If they do not, they are doing business illegally. If someone ever comes to your door asking for money for a broken down vehicle or a sick child, it is probably not what it appears to be. Use caution and good judgment before giving out money to strangers. If you chose to give, NEVER give money to a stranger in the form of a check. Checks can be "washed" or altered to be cashed for much more than originally written.

These are just some of the numerous suspicious activities that we as a police department deal with on a daily basis. If you can think of it, we've seen it. Most of it is not criminal, but keep your "eyes peeled".

*You will notice that I often mentioned "taking notice" with an asterisk behind it. By taking notice, it is helpful if you will start writing down license plate numbers of suspicious vehicles. Also if you can note dates, times, addresses, "suspect" descriptions etc. This information is vital to law enforcement and will give us a big head start in determining if this is criminal activity which needs to be dealt with. If is happening right now, call 911 to report it. If it is not currently happening or is not an emergency, you can always contact a dispatcher at (801) 840-4000. Be safe and be vigilant!

Harman Senior Recreation Center Activities

4090 South 3600 West
801-965-5822

The Harman Senior Recreation Center is a recreation and activity center for active seniors, offering a variety of fun and exciting classes, outings, and adventures. The Harman Center also offers a variety of informational seminars specifically for seniors.

January

21 Ice Cream, 10:30 a.m.

25 Sign Language Class, 10 a.m.

26 Choir @ Riverton, 11 a.m.

29 Fun Bunch Lunch, 10:45 a.m.

For a complete calendar, visit www.wvc-ut.gov/harman.

Weekly Activities

Chess Club – Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Line Dancing – Mondays, 12:30 p.m.

Ceramics – Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

Railroad Club – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Tai Chi – Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., \$1 per class

Bingo – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:45 p.m., Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Choir – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Billiards and Cards – Daily

8th Annual Guns-n-Hoses Charity Hockey game

Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: The E Center
Cost: Tickets are \$10 and \$16 each (price of ticket depends on seating location)

The event raises needed funds for the children's ward at the Shriner's Hospital. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Eric Kepo'o at (801) 362-4192 or by email eric.kepo'o@wvc-ut.gov.

Did you know that the recycling schedule for 2010 can be found online at www.wvc-ut.gov/recycling. Residents can see what week schedule to follow as well as print off a schedule if needed.

Send comments, questions and story ideas to:

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or E-mail:
info@wvc-ut.gov

Calendar

January

14 **Utah's African History: Storytelling Through Art and Craft**
(through March 1, 2010)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, Mon–Thurs 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment

22 **Utah Grizzlies vs. Ontario Reign**
The E Center, 7 p.m.

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The E Center, 7 p.m.

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The E Center, 7 p.m.

27 **Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA)**
Contact 2-1-1 for an appointment

29 **Utah Grizzlies vs. Las Vegas Wranglers**
The E Center, 7 p.m.

30 **8th Annual Guns-n-Hoses Charity Hockey Game**
The E Center, 2 p.m.

30 **Utah Grizzlies vs. Victoria Salmon Kings**
The E Center, 7 p.m.

31 **Utah Grizzlies vs. Las Vegas Wranglers**
The E Center 7 p.m.

February

1 **Utah Grizzlies vs. Las Vegas Wranglers**
The E Center 7 p.m.

1 **Winter Youth Basketball Big Kids Ball and Itty Bitty Ball Registration Due**
Family Fitness Center, (801) 955-4000

6 **2nd Annual Financial Fitness Fair**
Family Fitness Center, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

17 **Utah Grizzlies vs. Victoria Salmon Kings**
The E Center, 7 p.m.